



U.S. Army Ranger School







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Follow Me
Rangers Lead the Way!





Historical Significance

The Foundation of the Ranger Program

Ranger training at Fort Benning, Georgia began in SEP 1950 during the Korean war with the formation and training of 17

Airborne Ranger companies by the Ranger Training Command. In OCT 1951 the Commandant of the US Army Infantry School established the Ranger Department and extended Ranger training to all combat units in the Army. The first Ranger Class for individual candidates graduated on 01 MAR 1952.



On 01 NOV 1987, the Ranger Department reorganized into the Ranger Training Brigade, and established three Ranger Training Battalions.

Ranger training remains relevant and valuable to our fo



Ranger Training Brigade Mission

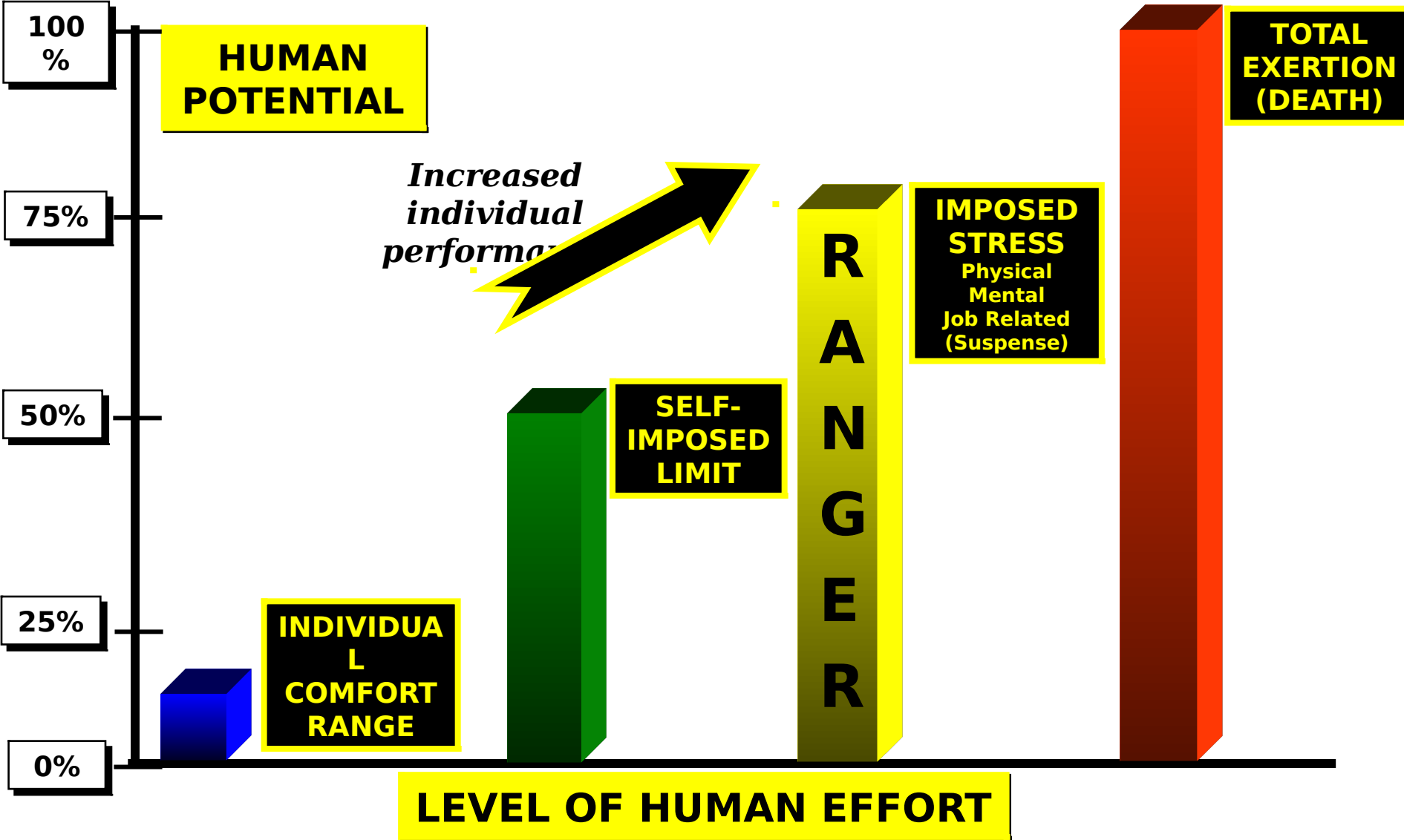


Conduct Ranger and Reconnaissance and Surveillance Leader Courses to further develop the combat arms skills of Officer and Enlisted volunteers eligible for assignment to units whose primary mission is to engage in the close-combat, direct fire battle.

Produce as many Ranger and RSLC leaders as possible within standards.



Ranger Training Goal



Ranger Training Brigade Task Organization

Camp Merrill
(184 Miles)
5th RTBn 17/195/5
CDR: LTC Kyle Lear
CSM: CSM Marc Pfrogner

★ **Dahlongega (4hrs/45min)*****

Camp Rogers
RTB HQs 12/28/5
CDR: COL Douglas Flohr
CSM: CSM John Burns
Darby/RSLC
Compound
4th RTBn 23/276/3
CDR: LTC Sean Mullen
CSM: CSM Mark Collazos

Fort Benning



Camp Rudder
(237 Miles)
6th RTBn 19/205/5
CDR: LTC Larry Perino
CSM: CSM Lawrence Elders

Eglin AFB
*(5hrs/1hr)****



(Auth
Officer/Enlisted/Civilian)
Total 75/762/19

*** Travel Time by Ground/Air



Course Imposed Stress



Ranger Student



- 61 days of physical and mental exertion
- Students carry 65-90 lbs combat equipment
- Tactical foot movements of 200+ miles
- Only 2200 calories a day
- 0 to 5 hours of sleep a night
- 6+ graded leadership positions
- Peer evaluations after each phase

“Readily will I display the intestinal fortitude required to fight on to the Ranger objective and complete the mission, though I be the lone survivor.”



Ranger Volunteer



- Best soldier from unit
- 3 time volunteer
- Physically and mentally fit
- Open to all MOSs : CSA has approved all officers and enlisted soldiers with CS / CSS MOSs to attend Ranger School (combat exclusion policy still applies)
- All services
- Foreign Armies



“...fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession.”



Average Ranger Class

General

- **Class Size** **290**
- **Avg Age** **19-27**
- **Avg Yrs Exp** **2.3**
- **11 Courses Annually**
- **Ranger Training**
Days
348 Days / Year
- **High Risk Training**
310 Days / Year



Ranks / Numbers

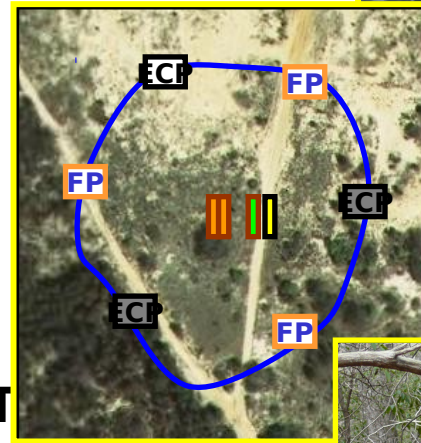
CPT / 1LT	35	
2LT	115	
SFC / SSG	20	
SGT / CPL	35	
SPC / PFC	85	



Contemporary Operations in Ranger School

Ranger School Relevancy to the Current Threat:

- Increased Urban Signature on Objectives
- Scenarios using Combat Outposts
- Convoy Operations with Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)
- Opposing Force (OPFOR):
 - Reluctant Fighter
 - Die-hard Insurgent
 - Martyrs (VBIEDs / Vests)
- Fires Integration
 - Call For Fire Trainer (CFFT)
 - ATK Aviation (CCA) /AC-130
- MEDEVAC/CASEVAC Operations





Cornerstone of Ranger School



Leadership: Competent &

Experienced

Selection: Centrally Controlled by Human Resources Command (Ranger Branch).

**Ranger
Instructors**



**Student / Instructor
Ratio
9:1**



Training: Ranger School, Jump Master, Pathfinder, BNCOC, ANCOC, EMT, DEMO, SERE, HALO, EIB, SCUBA, Assault Climber, Mountaineering, Combat Lifesaver

Experience:

- 2 - 4 Years leader time in TO&E units
- 100% Ranger Qualified
- Physically fit
- 2-4 Years college education
- Undergo a 3-6 month certification process



Ranger Course Progression

- Develop Combat Leader Skills
- Train to Standard
- Relevant to current threat
- Focus on
 - Warrior Ethos
 - Human Dimension
 - Physical/Mental Toughness
 - Warrior Tasks and Drills
 - Fundamentals
 - Small unit combat leaders

- I can operate tactically under extended/stressful conditions successfully
- I can lead men under those circumstances



Squad

CRAWL PHASE



Platoon

61 Days

RUN PHASE





Benning Phase

Current POI



TH [redacted] SATURDAY
DAY 6



VMT

Y
S



PB PL
STUDENT-LED PATROLS-AMBUS



Mountain Phase

Current POI

SATURDAY
DAY-0
• HAND-OVER
• MEDICAL
CONSIDERATIONS
• BN CDR INBRIEF



LOWER MOUNTAINEERING

DAY-8

DAY-9



FTX (Tomahawk-RM1R33N)

• OUT-PROCESSING

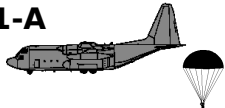
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Florida Phase

Current POI

1-A



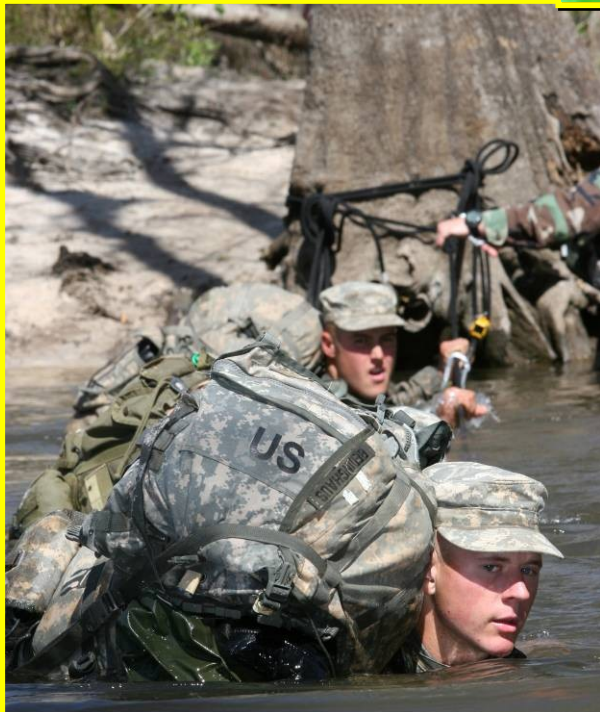
- MED Systems RX
- EQUIP ISSUE
- MEDIC CHECKS

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2-C	ION
• BN C	SH/M
• REP	C/MEI
• MED	, 6XC
• OPF	P RO
• MBI	
• AC-1	
• UO C	
• UO F	



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7-A	8-B	
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Keys to Ranger School Preparation



**Physical
Fitness**

**Technical /
Tactical
Proficiency**



**Mental
Toughness**



**Winning Spirit
- Never Quit**



Graduation Requirements

- **Pass all Ranger assessment tasks**
- **50% “Go” for graded leadership positions**
- **Score 60 or greater on peer evaluations**
- **No more than three major spot reports**
- **Cannot be on Special Observation Report (SOR) probation**

Students Graduated - Rates

FY 05: 1532 - 52%

FY 06: 1841 - 54%

FY 07: 1906 - 56%





FY08 Drops

Through Ranger Class 09-08

RPFT: 402 OUT OF 1432 TOTAL FAILURES

STANDARD : 49 PUSH-UPS / 59 SIT-UPS / 5 MILE RUN 40 MINS OR LESS / 6 CHIN-UPS

CWSA: 7 OUT OF 1432

STANDARD: LOG WALK, 40 ft ROPE DROP, SUSPENSION TRAVERSE, AND 15 METER SWIM

LAND NAVIGATION: 337 OUT OF 1432

STANDARD: 4 OUT OF 5 POINTS / 4-5 KM COURSE / 4 HOURS

FOOTMARCH: 98 OUT OF 1432

STANDARD: 12 MILES in less then 3:15 MINS w/ 35 lb RUCK

ACADEMIC: 146 OUT OF 1432 = 10.2%

PATROLS, PEERS, SPOTS OR ANY COMBINATION

REMAINING NUMBERS : MEDICAL 145/ ADMIN 81/ SOR (LIE, CHEAT OR STEAL) 116/ LOM 103

UNIT
VERIFICATION
FUNCTION

= 1432 /
3350



Ranger Graduation

BG William O. Darby
Award

**Distinguished Honor
Graduate**

COL (R) Ralph Puckett
Award

Officer Honor Graduate

CPL Glenn M. Hall Award

Enlisted Honor Graduate

COL (R) Robert A. "TEX" Turner Leadership
Award

Officer Leadership Award

SGM (R) Robert Spencer Leadership Award
Enlisted Leadership Award



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Ranger School Testimonials

“I woke up in my foxhole in a cold sweat. I had a nightmare that I was still in Ranger School. I was in Vietnam. Compared to Ranger School, combat was easy.”

COL Robert “Tex” Turner
Former Ranger Department
Commander and Honorary
Colonel of the RTB






Questions?



- **Ranger Training Brigade Website**
 - **www.benning.army.mil/rtb**
 - **Ranger School Preparation**

 Recognizing the hazards of my chosen profession, I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor, and **high "esprit de corps"** of the Rangers.

Acknowledging the fact that a Ranger is a more elite soldier who arrives at the cutting edge of battle by land, sea, or air, I accept the fact that as a Ranger my country expects me to **move further, faster, and fight harder** than any other soldier.

Never shall I fail my comrades. I will always keep myself **mentally alert, physically strong and morally straight** and I **will shoulder more than my share** of the task whatever it may be. One-hundred- percent and then some.

Gallantly will I show the world that I am a specially selected and well- trained soldier. My **courtesy to superior officers, neatness of dress, and care of equipment** shall set the example for others to follow.

Energetically will I meet the enemies of my country. I shall defeat them on the field of battle for I am better trained and will fight with all my might. **Surrender is not a Ranger word.** I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy, and under no circumstances will I ever embarrass my country.

Readily will I display the intestinal fortitude required to fight on to the Ranger objective and **complete the mission**.